

CITY OF ELECTRIC CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 11, 2011

Mayor Gerald Sands called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Council members: Mark Borden, Willie Bott, John Nordine, Birdie Hensley and Bob Rupe  
**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Debbie Pifer/Deputy Clerk, Roger Lucas/The Star, Officer A. Hunt,/GCPD, Carol Rupe, Donna Deckman, Ken Dexter, Linda Dexter and Tim Sloughter.

**September 27, 2011, Council Minutes:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the September 27, 2011, minutes, with one change to the last sentence in the CAPRD to include lower restrooms. Council members Borden and Rupe abstained because they were not present for the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. m/s (Nordine/Hensley)

**Approval of September 27, 2011, Revenue Sources for 2012 Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made and seconded to approve Revenue Sources for 2012 meeting minutes as written. Council members Borden and Rupe abstained because they were not present for the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. m/s (Hensley/Nordine)

**Police Report:**

Officer Hunt reported thirty-four calls during the previous month.

**Public Discussion:**

Tim Sloughter residing at 14 Pearl wanted to express his gratitude toward the City Maintenance Crew for all their hard work on the broken pipe that affected his yard. Tim went on to say the city crew went above and beyond their duties to get the problem corrected, working through their lunches and keeping the people up-to-date on the situation.

**Hotel/Motel Tax Budget Request:**

**CAPRD:** Council members asked for more information before committing to the full amount requested by CAPRD of \$11,876.69 and an additional \$6,666.67 for advertising and events. Information requested from CAPRD is as follows:

- o Revenue earned from Baseball fields 2011.
- o How will they advertise in 2012 and will they be advertising through the Chamber.
- o Detailed proposal for the requested \$6,666.67 cost breakdown for advertising, event line-ups and all other expenses accrued.
- o Cost for 2012 Ground Maintenance.

Mayor Sands suggested having Phil Hansen attend the next council meeting and if any of the council members were interested, they should attend the next CAPRD meeting. Mayor Sands was not sure if they were held on the first or second Monday of the month. Motion was made and seconded to budget \$10,000 for CAPRD. m/s (Hensley/Rupe)CU

Motion was made to table the remaining requested amount until further information can be presented. m/s (Borden/Rupe)CU

**Chamber of Commerce:** Mayor Sands stated the Chamber is asking for \$9,000 in hotel/motel tax dollars. Council asked how much the Chamber was given last year. This figure was not available. Council member Rupe suggested we give the same amount as last year. Council member Hensley suggested we hold money back until the Chamber can provide and maintain up-dated material on their web-site. Mayor Sands stated the City's are paying ~~\$3,600~~ \$3,000.00 for the web-site, and if they are not able to maintain it, maybe the Chamber should look at other providers. Council member Hensley would like more information on the break-down from the pie-chart that was provided by Scott Hunter at the September 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting. The council agreed the internet is going to be the main venue for attracting people to this area and it is crucial to have a maintained web-site. Council tabled this request until further information can be provided.

**Ridge Riders Request:** The Ridge Riders are asking for \$2,500 dollars to upgrade lighting and advertising for the rodeo grounds. The Ridge Riders are planning on adding several new events that could draw people from as far as Texas to our area. Council member Hensley asked for clarification from the auditors on Ridge Riders tax status before releasing any funds. Council tabled this request until it is determined what the city can/can not provide.

**Hotel/Motel Tax Chart:** Council would like a chart to showing the income earned, expenses, and a running balance.

**Personnel Health Benefits:**

Mayor Sands explained that the current health care benefit plan will not be available after January 1, 2012. The City employees have discussed the other options available and are all in favor of the Health First Plan. This plan is the most similar to the current plan; however the employees will now be required to pay co-pays. This plan also will save the city \$1,043.40 per employee per year. Motion was made and seconded m/s (Borden/Rupe)CU to approve the Health First Plan.

**Personnel Cost of Living Raise:**

There was confusion on the CPI Charts provided and which one to use. Council member Borden asked that the Mayor determine which figures he prefers based on the way he wants to execute his performance plan and propose it to the council. Mayor Sands explained that he has always said we need to come up with one system and stick with it. He would like to find out why there is such a difference in the two charts. Council member Hensley asked if we have to go off these charts. Mayor Sands said no but we are looking at ways to be consistent. Council member Hensley suggested we table this until the next council meeting. This will give time to clear up the confusion on which chart to use and she would also like the cost associated with the budget. Mayor Sands tabled the personnel cost of living raise until the October 25<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**District Use Chart Discussion:**

The council still has questions on some of the mixed use application. Mayor Sands recommended that the council carefully read the definition for mixed use zone; he feels many of the applications do not belong in a mixed use zone. Council member Borden tabled the district use chart to allow Mayor Sands to make his recommendations and present at the next council meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

Mayor Sands said we are anticipating a meeting regarding the water intertie with Grand Coulee to be scheduled with the mayors, city clerks and attorneys for November 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the terms and related issues of the contract.

**Reports/Misc:**

- Council member Borden reported on comments he has received from Electric City Residents:
  - Questions on the Water Intertie with Grand Coulee.
  - Off duty Police officer using foul language.
  - Loud Music with foul language being played in ear shot of neighboring children.
  - Frustration with the new change in the speed limit on the causeway, and feel there was no reason it needed to be changed.
- Council member Bott introduced a Progress Report form that he would like all employees to fill out. He asks that the employees write down task performed for the councils review. He would also like to have the tree located at the Post Office removed. There was no objection from the council.
- Mayor Sands reported Sunrise Disposal will be increasing their cost by 2.75 percent. It was decided at the Mayors meeting that in order to recoup that cost, the City's would raise rates by fifty cents.
- Council member Hensley asked if we had checked well levels; she is concerned on the affect with the lake level so low.

**Voucher Approval:**

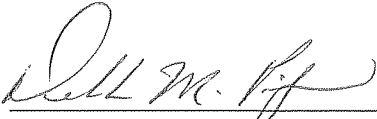
Motion was made and seconded to approve expenditures for following vouchers with addition of a line on the next agenda explaining vouchers associated with Dept. of Retirement.

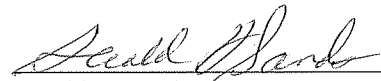
- Claims #8807-#8813, #8816-#8819 in the amount of \$17,130.47 and Payroll EFT in the amount of \$5,461.21
- Payroll #13634 - #13650 Claims #8814-#8815 dated 09/30/11 in the amount of \$29,728.38  
m/s (Rupe/Nordine) CU

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

m/s (Borden/Rupe)CU

  
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Debra Pifer, Deputy Clerk

  
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Gerald H. Sands, Mayor